

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kenneth Graham Paterson)	Re: Preliminary Amendment
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Serial No.: not yet assigned)	
Filed: concurrently herewith)	Group: 2672
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Divisional of USSN <u>09/381,010</u>)	Examiner: Daniel J. Chung
filed on <u>September 13, 1999</u>)	
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For: "DECODER SYSTEM CAPABLE OF)	Our Ref: B-3719DIVofPCT
PERFORMING A PLURAL-STAGE)	617284-4
PROCESS")	
)	Date: September 23, 2003

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION
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Sir:

The above-identified application is a divisional of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/381,010 filed on September 13, 1999, which is the U.S. national stage of PCT/GB98/00917. This paper is being filed as a Preliminary Amendment to the above-identified Application being filed concurrently herewith. Prior to the examination of the above-identified Application, it is respectfully requested that the amendments presented below be made to the Application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.